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## **RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.111 and 1.143** AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 9, 2006, setting forth a requirement for species election and in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§1.111 and 1.143, Applicants provisionally elect species I, directed to methods of administering an amount of metal nanoparticles to an animal. Applicants further submit the following amendment for entry in the above-identified case.

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